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Applicant: SHUNPEI YAMAZAKI; YASUYUKI ARAI  
and SATOSHI TERAMOTO

Title: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE

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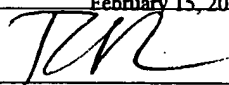
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This application is a continuation of and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC §120, of U.S. application serial no. 09/013,960, filed January 27, 1998. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

Priority under 35 USC §119 is claimed based on Japanese application no 7-53219, filed February 16, 1995.

**Preliminary Amendment:**

Page 1 of the specification, before line 1, insert --This is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/013,960, filed January 27, 1998, (pending).--

The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd., a Japan corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office for recording on 2/16/96 at Reel 7877, Frame 0408.

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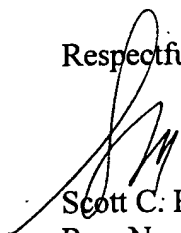
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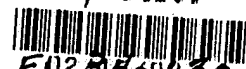
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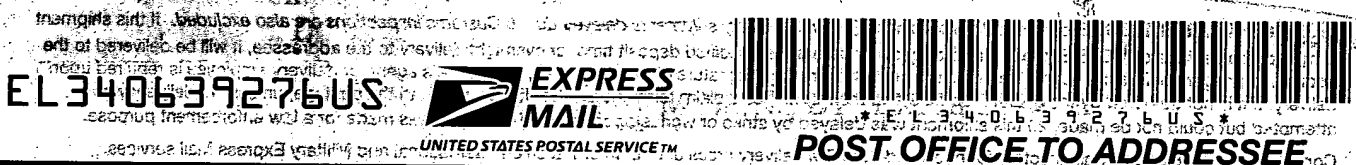
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